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Cynthia L. Johnson, Director Cash Management Policy & Planning Division Financial Management Service Room 420 401 14th Street, SW Washington, D.C. 20227

Dear Ms. Johnson,

Concerning the proposed amendment to the TT&L loan rate of interest, as a borrower I of course do not want to see the rate increase. We have only a \$1 million line, but it is useful to us at those times when we are borrowing funds from our correspondent banks. Raising the rate would provide us with no benefit over our other sources of funds. At those times when we are selling fed funds there would be no benefit to be in the program. All we would be doing would be decreasing our ROA even more.

We would have to seriously reconsider participation in the program if this rate increase were enacted. I would hope that the Treasury's intent is not to eliminate small bank participation such as ours.

Respectfully,

Daniel Behrend Vice President